



**AFA Wright Memorial Chapter**  
**ZOOM Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 21**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

ATTENDED *	NOT IN ATTENDANCE
Dave Babcock	Jim Yankel
Colin Ballein	Mike Evans
Mark Sobota	Rafi Rodriguez
Anna Schulte	Anna Schulte
Jill Willingham	Betty Shellhorn
Joni Ahlers	Richard Hughes
Christina Combs	
Carl "Shof" Shofner	
Brenda Baker	
Ronda Roberts	
Adrianna Templeton	
* Based on Zoom Call Attendance Roster	

**PRESIDENT: Dave Babcock**

- Welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the meeting

**VICE PRESIDENT: Colin Ballein**

- Discussed his recent attendance at the Emerging Leaders' Summit at AFA Headquarters
  - All attendees received briefings from several National Committee Leaders, Stellar Explorers, Cyber Patriots and The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies and some government officials
  - The briefings provided Emerging Leaders a deeper understanding of their programs and connect with the program POCs and staff
  - He expressed his appreciate for the opportunity to participate in the EAFA merging Leader Program, which the Chapter provided him; his military unit supports

**TREASURER: Mark Sobota**

- Mark presented the following financial update since our previous Board meeting

AFA WMC Financial Overview		
Categories/Data	Checking	Money Market
<b>Last Reported (17 May)</b>	39,444.41	117,005.86
<b>Current (21 Jun)</b>	49,632.66	117,006.85
Major Changes		
<i>Revenue</i>		
DAS Ticket Refund 2022	3,132.00	
Sponsor/Tickets (Diné)	26,800.00	
Luncheon	50.00	
<i>Expenses</i>		
Dayton Air Show	18,793.75	
ROTC Scholarship	1,000.00	



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- There are still two outstanding checks, one from JROTC and the other from ROTC
- Shof volunteered to assist in getting this resolved through his network
- Advised the Board that he and Dave now have a business credit card; making payments much easier
- Completed the 2022 financial reconciliation so he and Dave can begin work on the 2022 IRS Form 990
- Overall, the Chapter's financial state is very healthy

**SECRETARY: Vita Eonta**

- Contacted our chapter historian, Bill Schaff, about the chapter banners with the old logos and he will check to see if Wright State University will archive the old banners, including the Legacy Banner

**ADVOCATE**

**Center Point Energy Dayton Airshow: Dave Babcock (on Jim Yankel/Mike Evans behalf)**

- Tickets committed to date are 324 on Saturday July 22nd and 303 on Sunday July 23rd
- Final date to purchase tickets on Eventbrite site is July 6th, final catering numbers are due July 7th
- Sponsor final list with exact spelling of how to display name is due June 30th, and due Select Signs for signage development and printing due July 3rd.
- If the sponsor does not have it in by then, it will not be added
- AFA National will send Ronda some items to distribute with the new logo
- 88ABW/JA approved the Dayton Air Show as a 'Wide Area Gathering event' allowing the Chapter to provide free tickets to government/senior leader personnel (military and civilian employees)
  - The invite went out last week; and we have several requests for tickets

**AF Ball: Joni Ahlers/Christina Combs/Rafi Rodriguez**

- Joni and Dave had a very productive meeting with key members of the 88ABW-AFA WMC AF Ball Planning Committee today (21 Jun)
  - One action item: they will tour the NMUSAF June 22 to do a walk-through of various Hangers to plan the layout for the evening; VIP area, event/dinner, and after party
- AFA will be signing contracts for the following
  - Kohler's - requested an updated quote and once received, will send to Dave/Mark for signature
  - WP Club - Requesting a new quote, but that is only if Dave & Jeff Hoagland can get a sponsorship from Heidelberg, which would cost a recorking fee to the club of \$8 per bottle vs. paying \$20 per bottle
  - DJ & Photo Booth – Requested quote. The cost is dependent on 1) if they have access to the NMUSAF or AF Band of Flight sound system and 2) how long they'll be playing for (all night, or share that time with the Air Force Band of Flight)
- Sponsorships – Flyer approved; need website added and then AFA WMC will work with Jobs Ohio/Dayton Development Coalition to distribute to key industry leaders can blast out to everyone
- The AF Ball's Event Memorial Coin is going through a final approval process – commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War
- The current plan...tickets to go on sale 7/17/23 and end 8/31/23
  - Community Leaders - \$125
  - Military Senior Leaders - \$75
  - Military Field Grade Officers/Senior NCOs - \$50
  - Airmen - \$ TBD



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## **EDUCATE**

### **Aerospace Education/STEM Outreach: Carl “Shof” Shofner**

- Shof and Katherine, and an AFA WMC sponsor, will present two checks to area high schools for their STEM programs next week
  - The two schools are Northridge (Kathrine and GE Aviation) and Stebbins (Katherine and another star sponsor TBD)
- Waiting to hear back about the other two schools
- Just heard back from Fairborn; will try to schedule a meeting with Katherine
- Shof trying to get a POC in each school to help identify a teacher of the year (ToY)
- Shof is contacting the principal of Spinning Hills for a ToY nomination

## **SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

### **Star Sponsors /Community Partners: Katherine Ballein/Jill Willingham**

- Brenda (Dayton Convention and Visitors’ Bureau) and Christina (Dayton Convention Center) asked about how to renew their community partnership (CP)
  - Dave and Shof responded that National would notify the chapter’s POC of an upcoming renewal and it was the Chapter’s responsibility to work with the CP and renew their sponsorship
- Dave or Katherine will determine 1) who AFA National has as a WMC CP and 2) exactly how WMC/CPs are notified when it’s time to renew

### **Membership: Ronda Roberts /Betty Shellhorn**

- Represented WMC Membership at Rafi’s Amigos Golf Outing on June 2nd along with Dave Babcock
  - No new members were signed up at that event
- Prepping to support the Membership table at the Air Show with SWAG from AFA National and other means

### **Cadet Programs**

- **AFROTC Det 643 – Richard Hughes**
  - No report
- **JROTC/CAP – Anna Schulte**
  - Completed last AFA Awards presentation on 31 May, Miami Valley Unit
  - Working with Bellbrook for the AF Marathon Water Station, which the WMC supported last year
  - Working JROTC volunteers for the GermanFest 11-13 Aug

### **Veteran Programs – Vita Eonta**

- Purchased ten (10) \$25 Kroger Gift Cards – will send receipt to Mark
  - The cards will go to support the Homeless Program at the Dayton VA
- There will be a picnic for the PsychoSocial Rehabilitation (PSR) patients, date TBD
  - Recommended we support that with a \$250 donation (in our budget) and volunteers
  - This recommendation (motion) was approved



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**Leadership Development/Awards – Brenda Baker**

- Coordinated with Dave to work out schedule, verbiage, and addressees to solicit nominations for the AFA WMC Awards (Ambassador, Legacy, Heritage, Enlisted), which will be presented at the AF Ball
  - Emails will be sent to 1) All WMC Chapter members, recent Past Winners, key leaders of military-affiliated organizations in the greater Dayton area, and the 88ABW/PA
  - Emails contain similar verbiage explaining each award, the nomination criteria, the due date (July 28, 2023), and requests they (or those in their network) nominate deserving individuals

**Events - Christina Combs/Adrianna Templeton**

- Christina asked about planning future socials and monthly meetings
  - Discussion centered on hosting one in October to capitalize on the momentum from the AF Ball, but hosting one earlier than that (during the summer months and around the Air Show) may not be the best timing and draw the crowd-size desired
- Christina will contact Kohler for our Luncheon Networking meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> - with our speaker (Dr. Cassie Barlow) talking about Dayton-area defense-related workforce management (both DoD and contractor sectors)
- September is the AF Anniversary Ball

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- No Reports
  - **Facebook – Ronda Roberts**
  - **Website**
  - **Government Relations**